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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are canceled. New claims 15-18 are added. Accordingly, claims 15-18 are pending.

Claim 15 recites a method of deriving a new key for use in an encrypting keypad module. The method comprises receiving a file containing (i) instructions, (ii) data, and (iii) a reference to an encryption key, and using the received instructions to process the received data and the referenced encryption key to derive a new key.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a method of deriving a new key for use in an encrypting keypad module, wherein the method comprises receiving a file containing (i) instructions, (ii) data, and (iii) a reference to an encryption key, and using the received instructions to process the received data and the referenced encryption key to derive a new key. Thus, claim 15 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

~~Claim 16 depends from claim 15 and is allowable for the reasons claim 15 is~~
allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 16 further recites storing the new key in the encrypting keypad module. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 16 in combination with the structure recited in claim 15. Thus, claim 16 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 17 depends from claim 15 and is allowable for the reasons claim 15 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 17 further recites interpreting the received instructions to generate code for implementing the instructions. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 17 in combination with the structure recited in claim 15. Thus, claim 17 patentably

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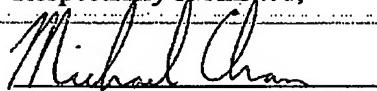
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defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 18 depends from claim 15 and is allowable for the reasons claim 15 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 18 further recites that the file has a structure comprising tagged commands and data. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 18 in combination with the structure recited in claim 15. Thus, claim 18 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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